

- Q: When my medical certification expires will I need to physically visit a DMV to update my certification?
- A: No, it is not required that a CDL holder present his/her document in person, the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles will also accept documents by mail or fax. This information is available on the first page of your notice.
- Q: How do I know if I need to provide a copy of my medical certificate?
- A: Enclosure A contains four categories of CDL drivers. Only one of those categories (Category 1) requires a CDL holder to provide and maintain a current copy of the medical certificate.
- Q: What is interstate transportation?
- A: A driver who operates in interstate commerce, crossing between any states, U.S. territory, and/or crossing borders outside the United States.
- Q: What is intrastate transportation?
- A: A driver who operates exclusively within the state that he/she is licensed and does not cross state lines.
- Q: What if I have a CDL but do not currently drive a CMV?
- A: You will still need to provide at a minimum, the Self Certification Affidavit and if required, maintain a current copy of the medical certificate as long as you are a CDL holder.
- Q: If I am required to provide my certificate, how often will I have to provide the Division of Motor Vehicles a new copy of my medical certificate?
- A: The certificate is valid for a maximum of two years, this will not change. Each time you renew your certificate you must provide the division with a current copy to maintain on file. You must not let it lapse or expire, doing so will result in a downgrade of your CDL to non-commercial driving privileges only.
- Q: What if I have a medical variance or waiver?
- A: A driver with a waiver will continue to provide the waiver to the division as done in the past. This document is accepted in lieu of the medical certification document.
- Q: If my medical certificate is kept on file with the Division of Motor Vehicles will I need to keep a copy on my person?
- A: No, After January 31, 2012 drivers with a valid medical certification card will not be required to maintain a copy on their person if they have filed their copy with the Division of Motor Vehicles. The official certificate will be valid to carry for only 15 days past the issuance date. This is because the certification status will be electronically available to law enforcement nationwide. The 15 day period allows for the document to be electronically entered into the national driver record. *However, a driver with a medical waiver/variance card must continue to carry it at all times. (49 CFR 391.41 (a) (2))*
- Q: If I transfer my CDL to another state will I have to obtain a new medical certification?
- A: Delaware complies with FMCSA and only requires a new medical certification if there is a question regarding the authenticity of the certification or a question regarding the CDL holder's health status. However, a state may decide to require a driver to complete a new medical certification upon transfer into that jurisdiction.
- Q: What if my primary employment falls under an excepted category, but my secondary employment falls under category 1?
- A: Drivers must self certify to category 1 *anytime* they operate in interstate commerce, even if only occasionally.
- Q: Where are the FMCSR's and what is the federal reference for these guidelines?
- A: Search all FMCSR's at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov). The following lists the relevant federal references:  
49 CFR 383.71 (a) (ii) through (D) and (c) – Self Certification  
49 CFR 391.11 – General Driver Qualification  
49 CFR 391.41 – Physical Qualifications and Examinations